

Long Range Bikeway System Map

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The **Long Range Bikeway System Map** (LRBSM) is a bikeways planning map for the Albuquerque (NM) Metropolitan Planning Area (AMPA). Regional transportation decisions for this area are made by the Metropolitan Transportation Board (MTB).

The map shows existing and proposed on-street bicycle lanes and routes, as well as paved bicycle trails/paths. The map also shows bicycle overcrossings or tunnels, and corridors. Corridors are areas where bikeway facilities are being considered but the feasibility of a facility or the specific type of facility has not yet been determined. The map is revised annually and is included as part of the Future Albuquerque Area Bikeways and Streets (FAABS) document adopted by the MTB.

The LRBSM provides direction for local transportation and community planners by showing the long-term policy for the alignment and type of bikeway facilities as they are expected to exist when fully completed and utilized. No time period or cost estimates are associated with this map. The map shows transportation routes only. It does not include facilities designed solely for recreational use.

Bikeway facilities are classified as trails, lanes or routes and as either proposed or existing. Existing bikeways are those which can be utilized by bicyclists. Proposed facilities are those which have been determined to be desirable and feasible, but have not as yet been implemented. Bikeway classifications on the LRBSM are defined as followed:

Trail-a facility located in a completely separated right-of-way designated by signs and pavement markings for the exclusive use of bicycles with cross-flows by the motor vehicles minimized.

The right-of-way for these bikeways could accommodate other uses such as hiking and jogging if properly designed.

Lane-a facility that is located in a portion of the roadway designated by signs and pavement markings for the exclusive or semi-exclusive use of bicycles with through travel by motor vehicles or pedestrians prohibited, but with vehicle parking and cross-flows by pedestrians and motorists permitted.

Route-a facility located in a roadway and designated by signs and shared with pedestrians or motorists. The bike route provides continuity to other bicycle facilities.

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